(e) what action Government propose to take against the Indian diplomat found to be indulging in narcotics smuggling abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) None, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir, Government have noted this news item. Government have not received details or transcripts of the proceedings of the trial mentioned in the news item, but it is clarified that Government have not received any information from the British authorities raising the charge of smuggling of heroin against the Indian diplomat who was on a one-time assignment as deputationist. He was neither arrested nor did he claim diplomatic privilege but returned to India on transfer at the end of his tenure. Government have not received any request from British authorities for the return of the diplomat concerned to U.K.

(d) and (e) No action has been taken against the official. However, investigations are continuing and if any criminal involvement is proved against the diplomat, action will be taken against him as provided under rules and law.

Reconnaisance mission by US spy planes from Pakistan

2842. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the consequences of US spy planes undertaking reconnaisance missions from Pakistan territory against South Asian countries;

(b) whether the move is directed against India;

(c) whether this move of Pakistan will highten tension in the region; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) to (d) There have been several reports about the existence of US bases in Pakistan. Both USA and Pakistan have denied that there are any US bases in Pakistan. Government is, however continuing to watch the situation carefully since the presence of such bases would inevitably increase tension in the region.

Closing down of industrial units in Kanpur

@2842-A. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) how many industrial units in private sector and public sector have been closed down in Kanpur since the year 1980; and

(b) how many persons lost their employment due to the closure and sickness of the industrial units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Information on industrial closures due to reasons other than industrial disputes is being maintained by Labour Bureau. According to available information, during the period 1980 to 1986 (Jan-Aug), there have been 6 closures in the private sector affecting 703 workers in Kanpur. There has been no closure in the public sector during this period.

Foreign collaboration agreements

@@2842-B. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a collaboration agreement between Fashionsport (India) Private Limited and Playboy Enterprises of the United States has been permitted and if so what products are contemplated to be manufactured thereunder; and

(b) whether Government have liberalised its policy of inducing technology even for consumer products and if so how many

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